



A weekly selection of issues and activities relevant to local planning in Nashville and Davidson County

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A green home on the road

Biofuel, solar panels, rainwater harvesting, and other eco-friendly attributes haven't quite caught on in the recreational-vehicle world yet - but some designers and builders are already coming up with [greener RVs](#).

Keeping car-dependence alive

Long commutes and high fuel prices make walkable, compact development much more attractive, but local government in Sydney, Australia is spending millions to do the [exact opposite](#).

Why do street lights have to be round?

A Russian design studio says they don't, and that using LEDs instead of filament bulbs allows some [interesting possibilities](#).

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